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Memorandum

TO : C/SMS and Mgt DATE: 15 July 1965

FROM : DAD/S&D

SUBJECT:

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I note in memo of 12 July that SRL does not expect to make an antenna installation by the 19th. This resulted in a suggestion from people might also rest on the oars.

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One of the best ways I know of never being able to make a schedule is to go through a piece-meal give-up procedure, especially when several contractors are involved. Each will no doubt try to pin the blame for schedule slips on the other. A real hard nosed attitude is required here and each contractor should be told that he has his date, that this date is his responsibility, and that the problem of project coordination rests with us. These group confession sessions can result in a completely untenable position being generated for us.

I trust that this has not happened in this case and that the equipment that we expect to have aboard will be installed.